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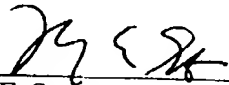
In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2002, applicants have elected to proceed with the apparatus claims of Group I, namely claims 1-12. By way of the present preliminary amendment, applicants have canceled the non-elected claims 13-20 and added new claims 21-28. New claims 21-28 are readable on the elected invention.

If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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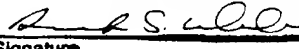
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